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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

FOR THE CHARGE FROM EAGLEBURGER AND HABIB

1. WITH REGARD TO THE TRANSPORT OF THE KUALA LUMPUR TERRORISTS AND THE FREED PRISONERS FROM JAPAN OUT OF MALAY, THERE IS ONE CONTINGENCY WHICH WE WISH TO PREPARE YOU FOR NOW. THERE IS, AS WE ARE SURE YOU HAVE ALREADY REALIZED, THE POSSIBILITY THAT WHEN THE MOMENT OF DECISION ARRIVES THE TERRORISTS WILL INSIST THAT SOME OF THE HOSTAGES THEY NOW HOLD IN THE EMBASSY MUST ACCOMPANY THEM ON THE FLIGHT. IF THEY SO INSIST, IT MAY BE THAT ONE OF THOSE THEY WILL REQUIRE ACCOMPANY THEM WILL BE STEBBINS. IN SUCH AN EVENT IT IS PROBABLE THAT THE JAPANESE WILL ASK US FOR OUR VIEW OF SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT.

2. YOU ARE HEREBY INSTRUCTED THAT SHOULD YOU BE ASKED WHAT THE USG POSITION WOULD BE ON SUCH A QUESTION YOU SHOULD REPLY AS FOLLOWS:

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(A) FINAL DECISION MUST REST WITH THE GOJ AND GOM. HAVING

SAID THAT, HOWEVER, WE WILL BACK WHATEVER DECISION THE GOJ  
AND THE GOM DECIDE THEY MUST MAKE.

(B) THE USG VIEW, ON THE MERITS, IS THAT THE TWO GOVERNMENTS  
INVOLVED SHOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO DISSUADE THE TERRORISTS  
FROM TAKING THIS STEP. AT LEAST IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF  
ANY NEGOTIATION ON THIS QUESTION WE BELIEVE THAT THE GOJ  
AND GOM SHOULD REFUSE REPEAT REFUSE TO AGREE TO LET THE  
HOSTAGES ACCOMPANY THE FLIGHT ARGUING THAT A DEAL WAS  
MADE AND SHOULD NOW BE CARRIED OUT BY ALL PARTIES  
CONCERNED.

3. HAVING STATED THE ABOVE YOU SHOULD THEN WITHDRAW FROM  
THE ISSUE AND LET EVENTS TAKE THEIR COURSE ABIDING BY  
WHATEVER DECISION IS MADE.

4. IN ANY EVENT YOU SHOULD SEEK SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS  
FROM WASHINGTON BEFORE YOU IN ANY WAY DEVIATE FROM THE  
ABOVE INSTRUCTIONS. INGERSOLL

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